Roxbury Wednesday evening

Dear Debora.

according to promise — I write that you may be assured that there is nothing — absolutely nothing to hear or to tell — I got a horrid cold Sunday running after Mr Kirk & Mr Parker & being unused to going to meeting it went hardly with me — my throat is sore & my lungs are inflamed & I have fever enough to make me uncomfortable — but I dare say it will go off in good time — very little ~~[illegible]~~ news came by the Steam-boat — Warren had a letter from Uncle Bates containing a sad acct of the loss upon the Nestor's cargo last year — & the state of Smyrna — & Havana & Russia is now such as to make any adventure in that business fearfully uncertain — add to this that Warren's Russia Goods do not sell — indeed nothing sells — & he is consequently unable to remit as he would be glad to do — all these things are against him — still I trust all will go well — — What letters Collins & Wendell had I do not know Collins forwarded to us letters to Maria from Mary Welsh of Glasgow & letters from the two Pooles (Richard Webbs nieces — which are of the most frantic & school girl description — so pleased that they should have had a letter — all their own — there are some newspapers full of Corn law agitation — & speeches of Thompson — & some papers giving an acct of the great anti-Corn law Bazaar in Manchester

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for which they had only two months to prepare - & which I judge from the newspapers was a most splendid affair - they had on their list of patronesses many noble names - I noticed Harriet Martineau's among others - The results were nine thousand pounds!! - Eliz Pease was interested in the matter -

I cannot tell you any thing in detail about these English papers for I have not yet seen them - except for one moment but hope to receive them this evening -

Monday evening I went tho' all unable to do so to hear Mr Daniel Kimball of Ipswich - a somewhat accomplished & college learnt youth from Ipswich - who stated himself to have been drunk ever since his second year in college - a period about nine years ~~when~~ he signed the pledge - & reformed nearly a year since - I think he is son of the Ipswich Minister - I was much interested by him

Tuesday I went to Boston to go with Mary to the Bible convention - Mrs Fifield was at Chauncy place & she had been all day at the convention & her report of it was rather discouraging - Tom West, Abby Folsom - a few Mormons - the German Jew - & worse than all Brownson, had been in full possession all day - that is all of the day that was left after preliminaries were discussed - The daily Advertiser for Tuesday contains a very favourable acct of the proceedings of the day -

At 7 - we went to the temple - the door was not open & nobody there - soon the man came & let us in - & we sat nearly an hour before any one came, or rather more than a few individuals — there was a thin audience — & nobody seemed to take any interest in the matter — Samuel had been willing to do his share of presiding — but the ~~ch~~ chair was now vacant — Mr Alcott looked blue enough & ~~looked~~ Samuel was said exceedingly mortified & afflicted — he had expected that all the rank & fashion of Boston would come — & no Emerson — no Parker — no rank or fashion graced his salon is here again — a few Abolitionists like ourselves were the only approximation to the Bethlehems whom he had expected would respond to his call — Bruce was there looking worse than ever — & Whitney — swelling like a peacock — with a consciousness of genius — I think Samuel felt baddish but I was glad notwithstanding — a great deal of vulgar infidelity about — Daniel Mack spoke — & said what is said so often — that the very remarks the Atheists make proved that they were not devoid of faith — & that they had a sense of religious affection — this West declared he resented as a slander — There was a good deal of conversation about adjournment — many of the mormons & atheists were desirous to sit indefinitely but were screwed up by its being stated that those who ~~[illegible]~~ voted against the adjournment [illegible] would consider themselves pledged to defray the expenses of the convention — they hated to adjourn — but they were compelled to do so — Samuel told me that if they did sit another day he would stay all day at the Athenaeum & read the English Magazines — I pointed out to him the little post boy busily reporting & told him that it would all be known to the post — he said that consoled him for he should feel as if he had been doing a good action at any rate —

The Lochiel arrived on Wednesday but

no letters except
[illegible] & ~~Henry~~ Henry from Miss Pigeons &
the little Pigeons — the [illegible] &
a vessel has arrived at New York which
left Gonaives the 12 inst & was not reported
there arrived — so they must be having a
long passage 26 days that would make it
since all vessels have been making long passages
vessels to Havana have had 40 days & more
I've heard of thirty & twenty to contrary winds
Trust that a few days will relieve us. Do write
write directly where — the news — write to [illegible]
care of Charles Grant — I'll send you
letter to day Monday — yours in love
Caroline Weston —

Love to Abby Osgood —

Miss Debora Weston.
Care of William Eddy Esquire
New Bedford
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I have forgotten your address so direct to care of Mr Eddy as I believe he is near you — & Mr Howland is so far off — I have forgotten Mr Bennie's st number & thought there might be others of the name

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